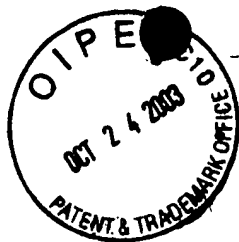


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein.

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 to October 21, 2003. A check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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